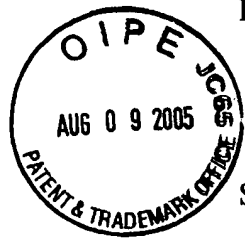


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**ELECTION OF SPECIES UNDER 25 USC 121
AND AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 CFR 1.83(a)**

In complete response to the Office communication of July 26, 2005, Applicant hereby elects Species I, "an embodiment with a hinged conduit". This election is without traverse, however Applicant explicitly reserves the right to pursue Species II-VII in this application or one or more divisional or continuation applications. As a response would be due August 26, 2005, no fee is deemed due. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims. There are no claim amendments.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper, and includes an attachment with two Replacement Sheets.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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